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1. [REDACTED] Tom Sullivan, Minority Counsel, House Government Operations Committee, called to discuss the upcoming hearings before the Subcommittee on the 1954 agreement with Justice. He is pessimistic of any successful challenge on jurisdictional grounds but believes Representative Sam Steiger (R., Ariz.) intends to pursue this subject. He also advised that Jim Wilderotter, of the White House staff, was called before the Subcommittee on Monday for testimony under oath, but Wilderotter refused and eventually Wilderotter was interrogated in his Subcommittee office by Messrs. Ingram and Fink, of the Subcommittee staff, for three to four hours.

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2. [REDACTED] Called John Swearingen, staff of the Subcommittee on Computer Services, Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, concerning the outstanding request of Mr. L. James Kronfeld, staff of the Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, to review the unsanitized version of the June 1970 report of the Interagency Committee on Intelligence. I said from our standpoint, the report could not be made available to staff who do not possess the appropriate compartmented clearances and if further advice was needed from the Executive Branch, Swearingen would have to contact the FBI, DIA and NSA, since the report was the product of an interagency group. I also suggested as a possible compromise that the member of the Senate Select Committee who have authorized access to the report might be able to convince Kronfeld that the sanitized version essentially tells the story.

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3. [REDACTED] Jim Kronfeld, staff of the Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, called to say that he had some sensitive intelligence information and I said someone would stop by and see him.

I also mentioned his interest in seeing the report he had been discussing with Mr. John Swearingen, staff of the Subcommittee on Computer Services, Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. Kronfeld said he was pursuing this for Tim Ingram, staff of the House Government Operations Committee. I told Kronfeld, access to the report would require compartmented clearances and Kronfeld said he did not have such clearances.

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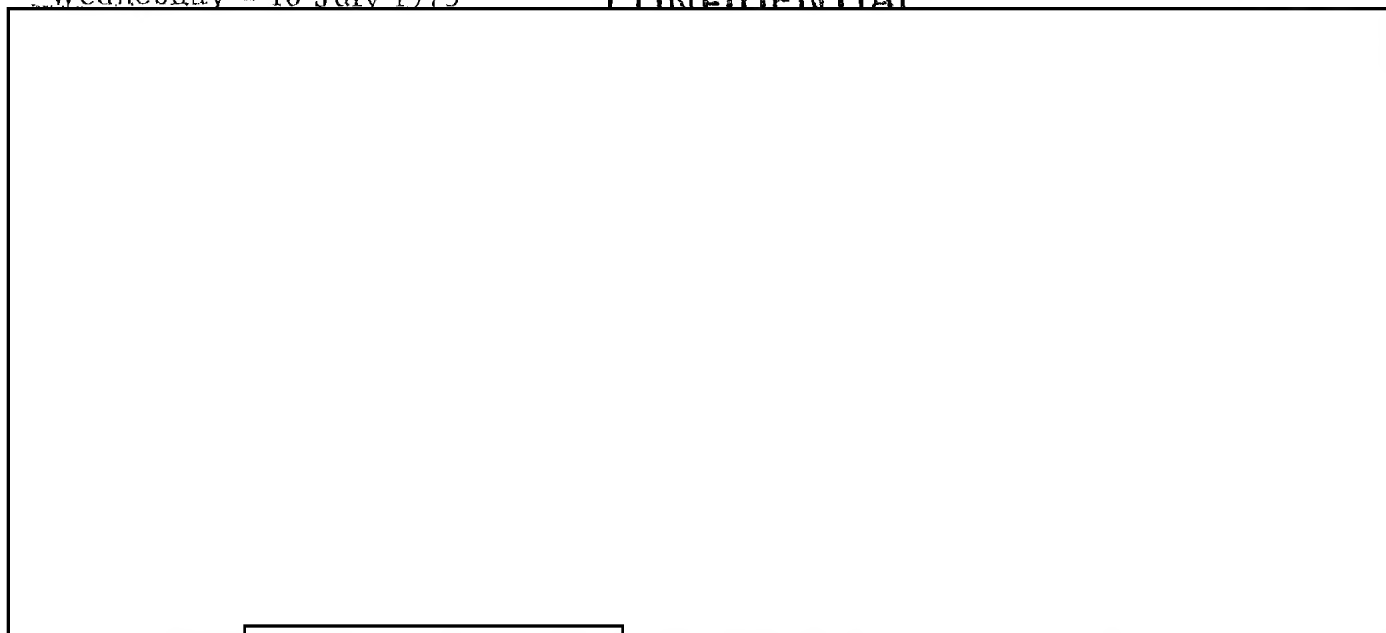
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19. [redacted] Called Donna Larson, in the office of Mr. John Marsh, Counsellor to the President, and asked if she could check with the NSC staff and find out when we might expect a decision on the sanitization of the U-2 incident transcripts. She said she would check and let me know.

Later in the day, I received a call from Steve Skancke, of the NSC staff, regarding the transcripts. He asked if we had cleared these with State Department or Defense Department. After checking I told him we had not. He said he would send each of these Departments a copy and get their opinions. I asked how long this would take, adding that we were really being pushed by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to give them an answer. Skancke said he should have an answer back by Monday, 21 July.

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25X1 [redacted] Took Ralph Preston and Chuck Snodgrass, on the staff of the Subcommittee on Defense, House Committee on Appropriations, to lunch and had a full discussion of the pros and cons of the open intelligence budget issue. Snodgrass expressed the opinion that the Director had substantially changed his position on this issue from what he said in earlier hearings on this subject to the effect that revelation of the total figure would not pose an insurmountable problem. I told him that I thought if he checked the Director's testimony he would find that the Director said he did not feel that the revelation of the figure on a one-time basis would pose a serious security problem, but he was concerned that the disclosure of this figure over a period of years would show trends in the budget which would be revealing to our adversaries and would undoubtedly result in a further unravelling and demand for the disclosure of additional details. I told him I thought there were ways of coping with the problem that concerns them, i. e., that they will not be able to convince the rank and file of the House membership that they have in fact carefully scrutinized the intelligence budget and have in fact made substantial cuts in it. I said I thought this could be accomplished by statements on the floor and in the budget report (as in fact, the Senate committee did last year). I added I really didn't think the disclosure of the total figure would satisfy the Agency's critics for very long, would serve no real informational purpose and would only be the beginning of further problems for our Committee members in the future. 25X1

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During our conversation, Snodgrass brought up the subject of the Director's report of 21 December 1974 to the President and made a rather snide comment about the fact that we had refused to provide the Defense Subcommittee a copy of the report when it was requested, but saw fit to release it to the public. I explained that the release of the report had not been in the Director's control since it was a report to the President and the Director had no authority to give it to anyone without the approval of the White House (which is what he had indicated to the Subcommittee in his testimony). I added as soon as we were advised by the White House that it could be released, we notified the Subcommittee staff and immediately dispatched a copy to them.

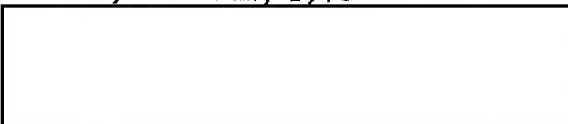
At the conclusion of our session, both Preston and Snodgrass said they expect the mark-up session will take longer than this week (as they had originally planned) and they may very well want the Director to come up to speak to the Committee on the open budget issue. I said I thought he would welcome the opportunity to do so.

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29. (Unclassified - GLC) Received a call from Jack Boos, on the staff of the House Select Committee on Intelligence. He asked me how he could get several copies of the Director's December 24, 1974 Report to the President and I told him I would be glad to drop several copies off at Chairman Lucien Nedzi's (D., Mich.) office for him. He asked me about the Butterfield/Prouty stories in the press and I explained to Boos that Butterfield was never an employee of the Agency, nor was he ever detailed to the Agency and that the Director had flatly denied Prouty's allegation that Butterfield was CIA's contact man in the ~~White House~~. I told him we were checking our records and the only thing we could find involving Butterfield was a record of a one-time contact clearance approval in 1959 when Butterfield worked for the Department of Defense and the fact that Mr. Duckett had briefed Butterfield on certain compartmented clearances several years ago, but that we had had no substantive contact with Butterfield. We talked about the status of the House Select Committee and agreed that it appeared the existing Committee will be abolished and some substitute put in its place. 25X1



I talked by telephone with Chairman Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.), CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services, who said statements attributed to him by Daniel Schorr on TV with regard to the Butterfield incident were only partially accurate in that they did not include all of his remarks. According to Nedzi, his comment included the statement that he saw nothing unusual or untoward about the fact that CIA might assign or detail people to the White House staff with the knowledge and consent of the appropriate people of the White House.

Mr. Nedzi then asked me about Prouty's appearance on TV and his allegation about Butterfield and I gave him the same information that I had given earlier to Jack Boos, i. e., that Butterfield had never been an employee of the Agency, nor had he ever been assigned or detailed to the Agency and that our only record indications to date were that a one-time contact clearance had been granted for access to him in 1959 when he was working in the Department of Defense (although there is no record that such a contact took place) and the fact of Carl Duckett's compartmented access briefings several years ago.

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